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1. The Ikladi Műszer Gyár [Ikladi Fine Mechanics Company] employed about 2-2½ thousand people and manufactured most of the various kinds of artillery shells, including mortar shells. The company also made a small bomb for fighter planes that was carried on the under side of the wings, small gasoline stoves and electric lamps. Construction on the plant started about 1950-51.

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[redacted] the company is unusual for two reasons: the shell casings were filled with explosive at the plant, and nearly all the production facilities were located inside a hill from 55 to 70 meters in height. The plant is located about one kilometer north of the Iklad railway station [see Enclosure (A)], an overlay of Ikladi Műszer Gyár, for exact plant location. [Enclosure (B) is [redacted] sketch of the plant layout.]

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2. There were no more than six or seven buildings outside the hill, all of one story cement and steel beam construction except the administration building which was two floors in height.

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Transportation in and out of the plant was by rail. Freight cars could be rolled into the plant and alongside two warehouses in such a way that the cars could be loaded without the contents being observed. A country road ran along the western side of the factory from which one could get an unimpaired view of the exterior buildings.

3. A fence three meters in height surrounded the factory at the top of which were three strands of barbed wire. Employees entering and leaving the plant through the main gate were subject to search and required a pass the design of which was changed every three months. A random selection of those to be searched was made by the use of a machine equipped with a red light and bell. Each employee as he passed through the gate was required to press a plunger on the machine. If the red light lit up and the bell

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rang the employee went to an adjoining room to be searched. The factory contained an AVO section, [redacted]

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[redacted] The plant grounds were lighted at night, and I would guess dogs were used to patrol outside the fence since this was very common throughout Hungary.

4. [redacted] the equipment used in production, [redacted] there were large lathes five to six meters in length. Thirty to forty lathe operators who were trained at Gdöllő Ganz Árammérő /Electric Meter Plant/ were employed at Ikladi, out of a total of approximately 600. Morale was good because employees received extra pay due to the danger. Lathe and milling machine operators received f 2000/month. Many of the employees lived in Budapest from where they were brought to work by four or five company buses.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Overlay showing exact plant location, Ikladi Műszer Gyár.  
ENCLOSURE (B): Unscaled Memory Sketch of Plant Exterior drawn by source  
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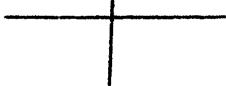
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ENCLOSURE (A) - Overlay of Ikladi Múszér Gyár

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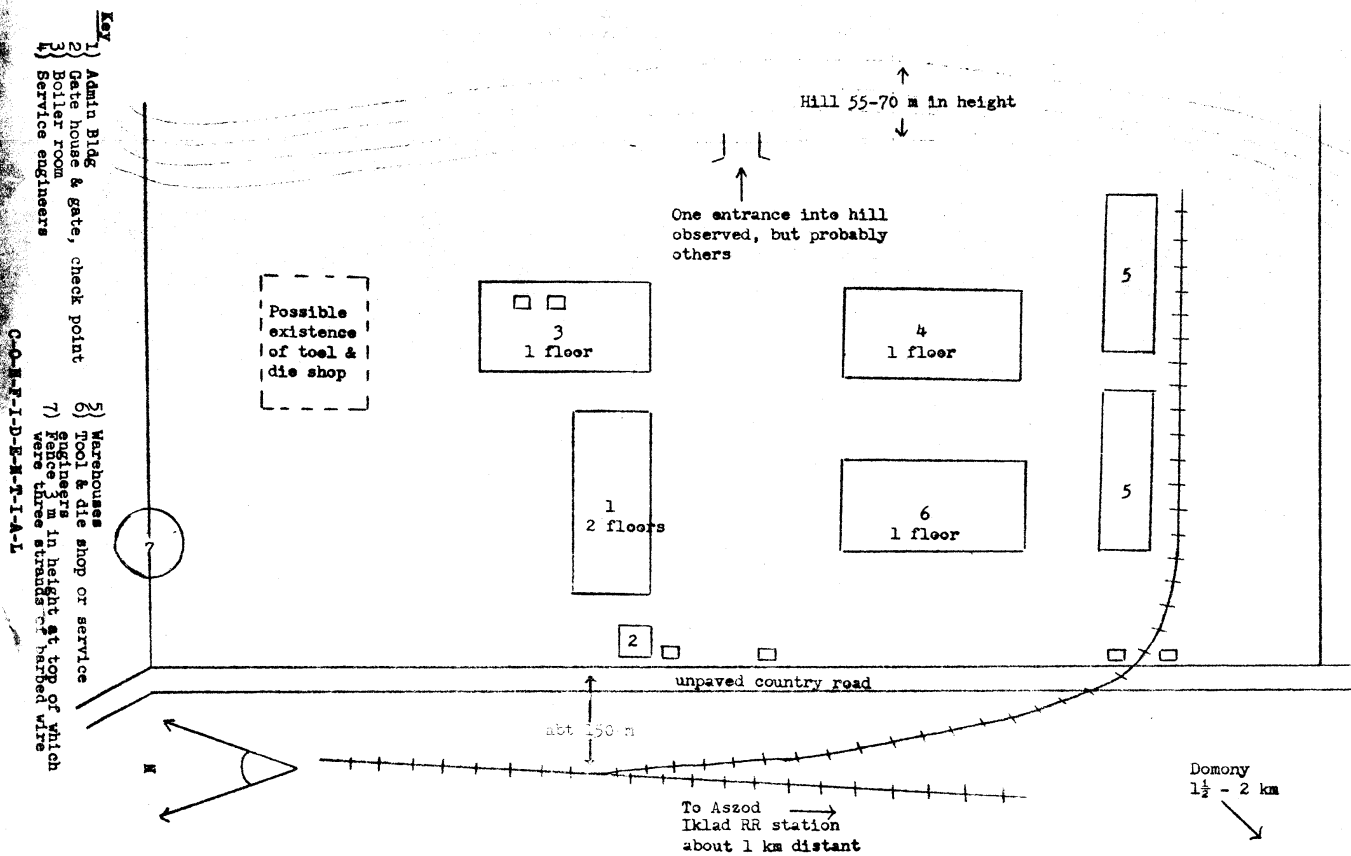


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ENCLOSURE (B) - Sketch of Iklad Mészter Gyár (Iklad Fine Mechanics Company) (not drawn to scale)

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